

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce and Ward.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Wenke.

Representative Clemente moved to adopt the minutes of the **July 24, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4090** before the committee:

HB 4090 Vagnozzi Elections; voting procedures; early voting; provide for.

TESTIMONY

Representative Vagnozzi, sponsor of HB 4090, explained his bill to the committee.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Kyle DuBuc, representing the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service, Inc., testified in support of the bill.

Brian White, representing the Advancement Project and the Michigan NAACP, testified in support of the bill.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4508** before the committee:

HB 4508 Ward Elections; absent voters; early in person absentee voting; amend.

TESTIMONY

Representative Ward, sponsor of HB 4508, explained his bill to the committee.

Kathy Dornan, Farmington Hills City Clerk, testified supporting the bills in concept.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, testified supporting the bills in concept.

Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified supporting the bills in concept.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Kyle DuBuc, representing the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service, Inc., testified in support of the bill.

Brian White, representing the Advancement Project and the Michigan NAACP, testified in support of the bill.

Representative Clemente moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
58 Minutes